THE
University of Cambridge's Charge

To the Honourable *DIXEY WINDSOR*, Esq; their New MEMBER for the ensuing PARLIAMENT, in the Room of Mr. *Boyle*, who Represented them the last Session.

To which are added, some Necessary Queries relating to several Undue Practices, carry'd on by the WHIG Party, in most Counties, Cities, and Burroughs throughout *ENGLAND*.

IT having been the receiv'd Custom of the Dissenting Party, some Years since, to take upon them to *recommend* to their Members of Parliament, what they would have them be *Zealous* for in the Ensuing Sessions, and the City of *London*, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, as well as other Cities and Towns Corporate, having follow'd that *Example* in this *present Conjuncture*, without so much as any thing, yet extant, like this way of Behaviour on the side of those who are *most Hearty* for the Government and Church Establish'd; the Publisher hereof could not think it amiss (after the Reproach which has been laid upon the *University*, which he is a Member of, for making Interest for, and investing one with it the last Parliament, that has not so heartily espous'd the Cause of the Church, as could have been wish'd) to send abroad what Follows, as an *Item* to her *Sister University*; that though *Cambridge* has been mistaken *once* or *twice*, she does not design to persist in it, but will make it her endeavour for the future, not only to *come* up to *Oxford* in her *Zeal* for the *Queen* and *Church*, but if it be possible to get the start of her in *Observance* of *all Duties* whatsoever.

This may Suffice by way of Preamble; the Charge or Advice runs thus.

SIR,

YOU *are chosen to represent not only one of the most flourishing Universities in* Europe, *but a Body of Men who have furnished all* Europe, *especially the Kingdoms of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *with Examples of Piety, Loyalty and Learning. This Choice of Yours has been strenuously oppos'd; and by how much the more Difficult Your Accession to this Dignity has been, by so much the more Careful should You be in Your Demeanour, to make not only Us, that are Your Electors, satisfy'd of Your great Worth and Abilities, but even those that have oppos'd You to acquiesce under the same Sentiments.*

You are therefore to remember the greatness of the Trust repos'd in You; the Critical juncture You are chosen to represent us in, and the Necessity there is for Gentlemen of Courage *as well as* Integrity, *to make use of all their Endeavours and Authority, for the Honour of the Queen, and the Good of this Kingdom: And, as we can expect no Blessing from God, without a due Observance of His Worship, with that* Decency *and* Order *which is enjoyn'd Us by the Holy Scriptures, so we cannot but account You one of the Witholders of those Blessings from Us, if You do not do what in You lies,*

In the first place, to prevent the great Sin of Hypocrisie, by suppressing the Abuses committed against Religion, in the known Practice of Occasional Conformity.

For this Purpose, though we doubt not Your own innate Dispositions, and Excellent Qualities to accomplish the desireable Ends we propose to You, You cannot but be assur'd, that Your Collegue, Mr. Annesly, *will join his utmost Endeavours with Yours. He has already done such things for our Honour, and His own, as to render Us secure, and almost certain of His future Performances for Ours and the Nation's Advantage, which has induc'd Us to attend Him no otherwise than with Our Thanks, for His constant Adherence to the Principles He has receiv'd, as well from His Ancestors, as the Doctrines He has imbib'd from this University, which has had the Honour of His Education.*

2dly, *It is Our* Humble Advice, *that You do what in You lies, to maintain the Queen in Her just Prerogatives, that You suffer no diminution whatsoever in the Executive Power of the Government, but, as You* **give unto God, the Things that are God's**, *so You* **render unto** Cæsar **the Things that are** Cæsar's, *assert the Government of this Kingdom to be* Monarchical, *stand by the* Succession to the Crown in the Protestant Line, *as by Law Establish'd, and make use of all Your Interest to suppress all* Irreligious and Traiterous *positions whatsoever, that may tend to the Destruction of* the Act of Uniformity, *or Violation of any* Hereditary Right, *except such are laid aside by the known Laws of this Kingdom.*

3dly,

3dly, *That You do* Juſtice *to the Nation in making* due Enquiry into all Miſmanagements *whatſoever, whether committed in the* Late Reign *or the* Preſent. *That the Fear of great Men be poſtpon'd to the Duty You owe to the* place of Your Nativity; *and if any Deſigns may be found out contrary to the* Well Being *of the Church*, Her Majeſty *or* Government, *That You make it Your Buſineſs to bring the Offenders to* Condign Puniſhment, *and Promote ſuch* Bills *as may be for the* Glory of God, *and His Holy* Apoſtolick Church, *as by Law Eſtabliſh'd*; *the* Defence of the Queen *againſt all Her Enemies*, Foreign and Domeſtick, *and the* Advantage *of theſe* Realms, *whoſe Chief Felicity* (next to the Divine Protection) *is to be under the Direction of a Princeſs* bred up in the Proteſtant Faith, *and* Educated under the ſtricteſt Obſervance *of a Religion, that is not* **Tolerated** but **Eſtabliſh'd** by Acts of Parliament in the Reigns of Her Royal Anceſtors.

This is the ſum of their Deſires, whom You are to Repreſent, and Your Electors ſhall think Themſelves highly honour'd in their Choice, if at Your Return from the Parliament You are Elected a Member of, they ſhall be ſo happy as to congratulate You upon the Exact Performance of them: And nothing remains but to aſſure You, as they have conquer'd all Obſtacles to Your ſitting in Parliament for them at the Enſuing Seſſion, ſo they ſhall leave no lawful Means unattempted to advance Your Intereſt, whenſoever You ſhall do 'em the Honour of ſtanding for a Candidate again in this Nature, provided you keep up to the Tenour of what is now requeſted from You.

Some Neceſſary Queries, relating to the preſent Elections for Members of Parliament.

Q. 1. Whether if all the High Sheriffs of *England* had Acted their Parts with as emboldened a Reſolution as the High Sheriff of *Suſſex*, ſome honeſt Gentlemen that are not return'd for Members, would not have had fairer Play? and Whether the *D*—— of *S*——*t* and *R*——*d* were not ſerv'd very well in being diſmiſs'd from giving their Appearance at a certain Election for Knights of a Shire, ſince it was contrary to a Vote of the Houſe of Commons, That reſolved *no Peer of* England *ſhould interfere with Elections of Members to ſerve in Parliament*?

Q. 2. Whether the *Parſon* of the *Savoy* or *Tottenham*, who holds two Cures of other Peoples Souls, while he ought to take care of his own, ought not to be cenſur'd, if he pretended a Licenſe from ſome great Perſons above, to propoſe Conditions to Mr. *Smithſon*, one of the Candidates for *Middleſex*; *which if he accepted of, he, the ſaid* Mr. Smithſon *ſhould be Choſen, otherwiſe not?* And whether it is not very probable the two late Knights of the Shire for the Aforeſaid County, that Poll'd more by two hundred Free holders than they carry'd it on by the Election former before, ought not to Petition againſt ſome People for Undue Practices?

Q. 3. Whether thoſe can be ſaid to be *Free Elections*, wherein Courtiers and Perſons of great Influence and Authority take upon 'em to Menace and Affrighten Voices over to their own Party; And whether Mr. *Gape*, Member of Parliament for St. *Alban's*, if he has ſuch a Letter as the Mayor of the Town is reported to have given him, would be guilty of *Scandalum Magnatum* ſhould He Print it, and afterwards ſhew the Original to the enſuing Parliament?

Q. 4. Whether if *L*—*n B*——*th*, Eſq; Knight of the Shire Elect for *Cheſter*, or any other Gentleman whatſoever be under Age, He or they ought to be return'd for Perſons duly Qualified to ſit in Parliament? And whether the worthy Repreſentative that ſaid He was *for the Church of* England *as it* **ought** *to be by Law Eſtabliſh'd*, has not His Religion yet to Chuſe, and conſequently is not rendered Incapable of being admitted into St. *Stephen*'s Chappel, where none but the Religion by Law Eſtabliſh'd ought to be profeſs'd.

Q. 5. Whether it does not add mightily to the Reputation of the Diſſenting Party, that *Harris* the *Convicted High-Way-man*, is ſaid to have brought over Proſelytes to their ſide? or, Whether it may be ſaid ſome People *did Evil, that Good or* **Evil** *might come of it*, if it be true the Quakers Voted againſt the Church throughout *England*, by the means of His being Wedded to a *Holy Siſter*?

Q. 6. Whether ſplitting of Free-holds, as of late practis'd in moſt Counties of *England* be not making a Breach into the very being of our Conſtitution? And Whether it would not be a remarkable piece of Juſtice if a Law ſhould be made, that thoſe who ſhall be found Delinquents of this Nature, ſhall have no Eſtates to ſplit into Free-holds for the Future?

F I N I S.

*** Juſt Publiſhed, the Republican Bullies, or a Sham Battel between two of a Side, in a Dialogue between Mr. *Review*, and the *Obſervator*, lately fall n out about keeping the Queen's Peace: To which is Added, a Letter from *Cheſter*, relating to the Election held there, for that County

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